

State of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

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## FISCAL YEAR 2016 CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP FUND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The CPRA is accepting proposals for the FY 2016 Conservation and Restoration Partnership fund until October 21, 2015. This year the Partnership Fund has dedicated \$1 million to provide matching funds for projects aimed at coastal conservation and restoration. The state will use this funding to take advantage of grants, donations and other private/public partnership opportunities to support the implementation of high priority coastal restoration projects. This will allow the state to further leverage its funds to achieve its coastal restoration goals.

Proposals for coastal conservation and restoration projects that would benefit from additional funding are requested. Proposals should include a brief description of the project purpose, features, conceptual design, project area map and description of how it contributes to the criteria listed below. Proposals should be no more than two pages in length (i.e., one page description and one page map).

## **Project Selection Criteria**

Projects will be evaluated and prioritized based on the following criteria:

- 1. Acreage conserved/restored
- 2. Synergism with other conservation/restoration efforts
- 3. Project constructability
- 4. Matching funds
- 5. Consistency with the objectives of the 2012 Coastal Master Plan

## **General Information**

A selection committee made up of CPRA scientists and engineers will review and evaluate each proposed project based on the criteria listed above. Projects selected for funding will be notified by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please submit proposals and/or direct questions about the program or project proposals by Wednesday, October 21, 2015, via mail, email or fax to:

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